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SUBJ: SOVIET TRANSFER OF INHERITANCES TO US

REF: STATE 160635

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN INFORMATION CONFIRMING DISTRIBUTION OF SOVIET ESTATES TO US RESIDENT BENEFICIARIES. EMBASSY HAS NO LEGAL REASON OR OCCASION TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION.

2. INYURKOLLEGIYA (MOSCOW COLLEGIUM OF LAWYERS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN LEGAL TRANSACTIONS) ASSURES EMBASSY HOWEVER THAT SUCH TRANSFERS ARE NORMAL PART OF ITS LEGAL ACTIVITY, PASS THROUGH BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE (MOSCOW) AND FOLLOW NATURALLY FROM DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATES IN LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTONIA AS WELL AS OTHER SOVIET REPUBLICS. ACCORDING TO INYURKOLLEGIYA, FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING OF COURSE US CITIZENS, ENJOY RIGHTS OF INHERITANCE ON EQUAL BASIS WITH SOVIET CITIZENS. FURTHERMORE, INHERITED SUMS ARE TRANSFERRED ABROAD WITHOUT RESTRICTION, ON CONDITION OF RECIPROCITY WITH THE PERTINENT FOREIGN STATE. ACCORDING TO INYURKOLLEGIYA, TRANSFERS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN US BY BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE CORRESPONDING BANKS, INCLUDING IRVING TRUST, CHASE MANHATTAN, BANK OF AMERICA, AND MANUFACTURERS TRUST CO.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT INYURKOLLEGIYA STATE-

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MENTS, FOUR RECENT CASES OF SUCH TRANSFERS ARE CITED BY ITS

EMBASSY CONTACT TO SUPPORT ITS STATEMENTS:

(A) SUM OF \$3467.69 WAS TRANSFERRED JAN. 5, 1973, TO ATTORNEY OF VOLDEMARS MEZAINIS, OF 418 N. LAVERGNE AVE., CHICAGO, AS DISTRIBUTION OF HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. SHE DIED IN LATVIA NOV. 2, 1970.

(B) SUM OF \$2801.39 WAS DISTRIBUTED APRIL 1972 BY ATTORNEY OF NINA SALKOUSKIS OF HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AS DISTRIBUTION OF HER BROTHER'S ESTATE. HE DIED IN LITHUANIA.

(C) SUM OF \$1636.21 WAS DISTRIBUTED AUG. 1972 TO MICHAEL KASK OF 5438 WELLESLEY AVE., N. OLMSTEAD, OHIO, AS LEGACY OF HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. SHE DIED IN ESTONIA.

(D) SUM OF \$3706.43 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO FELIX SARANOO OF 278 KOLANAN ST., HONOLULU, IN APR 1973 FROM ESTATE OF HIS FATHER, WHO DIED IN TALLIN, MAY 1972.

4. ATTORNEY IN ABOVE-CITED CASES WAS WOLF POPPER ROSS WOLF AND JONES, 845 THIRD AVE., NYC.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPT. WILL REPLY TO MATHIAS AUG. 7 INQUIRY OF WHICH WE RECEIVED COPY. EMBASSY WILL COMMENT ON PARA 2 REFTTEL IN SEPTTEL.
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